

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: May 25, 2004, Work Session

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8

CONSENT:

REGULAR: X

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: X

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Roundelay Road Improvement (St. Thomas More Catholic Church)

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a request to amend the FY 2004-2009 Capital Improvements Plan and appropriate \$5,500 fully reimbursable from Saint Thomas More Catholic Church for traffic calming measures on Roundelay Road. In the alternative, consider if Council wishes to amend the CUP granted to St. Thomas More Catholic Church and eliminate the requirement for traffic calming devices.

SUMMARY: As part of St. Thomas More's Conditional Use Permit (CUP), the church agreed to provide traffic calming within the neighborhood to help reduce vehicle speeds. This church is located within a residential neighborhood and there were some concerns by neighbors that if the church expands, speeding problems would increase. St. Thomas More agreed as part of its CUP to fund traffic calming measures and it submitted a letter of credit totaling \$7,000 to construct traffic calming devices. It was determined by the City that speed tables would be the most effective traffic calming measure to use in this situation. After this finding, City staff canvassed both the Roundelay Road neighborhood and the Smoketree Lane neighborhood to determine if the residents desired speed tables. The Roundelay neighborhood responded favorably with a 75% approval (21 of 28) whereas the Smoketree neighborhood had a 48% approval rating. The VDOT Traffic Calming Standards require at least a 75% approval rating. Roundelay Road meets this standard. Costs for three speed tables were estimated and the Church sent the City a check for \$5,500. Public Works now desires to spend this money to construct the three speed tables on Roundelay Road.

There has been some neighborhood opposition to the installation of the speed humps, particularly from those residents whose driveways would be in close proximity to the humps. Several residents appeared before the Physical Development Committee (PDC) on May 4 to ask that the requirement for traffic calming devices be eliminated. PDC does not have the authority to overrule the conditions of a CUP set by City Council. The City Attorney has opined that, if Council wishes to eliminate the condition requiring traffic calming, the CUP would have to be amended by going through the normal CUP process, including public notice and the requisite public hearings before the Planning Commission and Council.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

The Conditional Use Permit was approved (Resolution #R-02-163) September 10, 2002. One of the conditions was "The Petitioner will partner with the City of Lynchburg in placing traffic calming devices as determined by the City Traffic Engineer and City Planner". The City Traffic Engineer and City Planner are in agreement with the improvement.

May 4, 2004 Finance Committee – agreed to financial arrangements

May 4, 2004 PDC – forwarded to full City Council Work Session for further discussion

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minor impact to street maintenance funds to maintain speed tables.

SOURCE	APPROPRIATION	SPENT TO DATE	BALANCE	PROPOSED
St Thomas More Catholic Church Traffic Calming Devices Revenue	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500	\$5,500

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution
Maps
Pictures

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED That the Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Improvements Plan is amended and \$5,500 is appropriated with resources of \$5,500 from the St. Thomas More Catholic Church to support the capital improvements to Roundelay Road.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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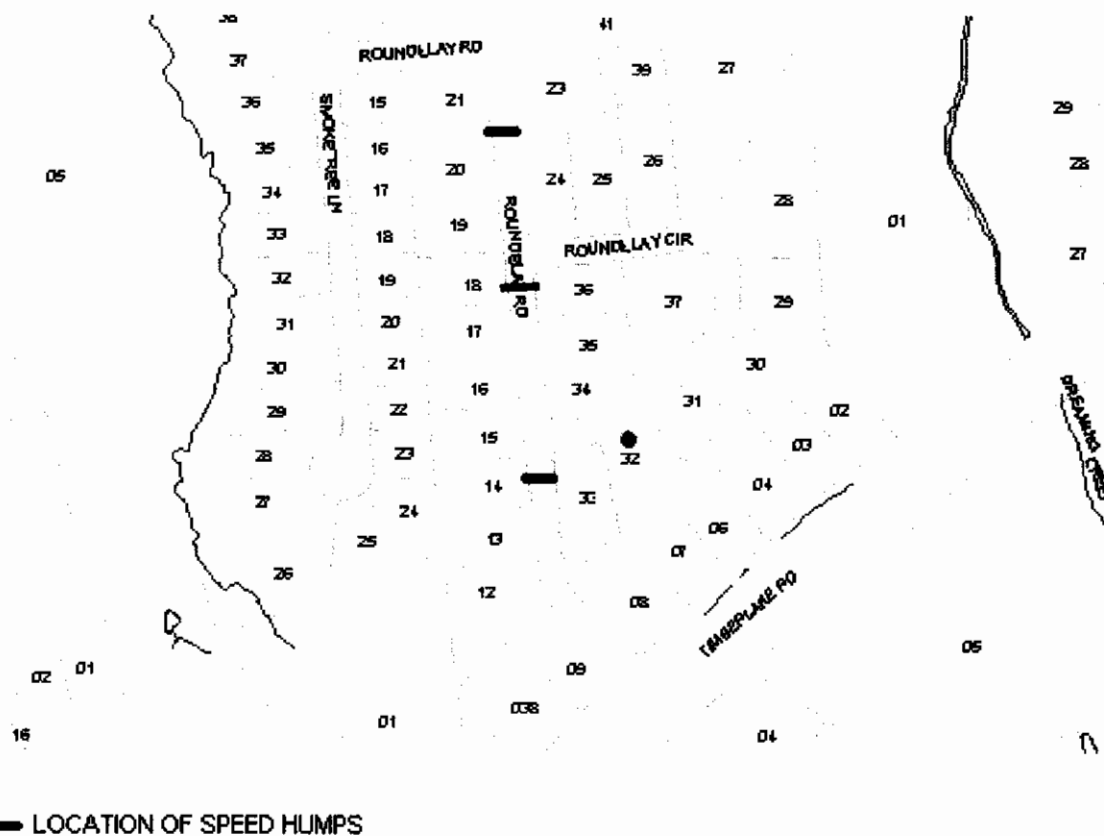


Figure – Location of Speed humps

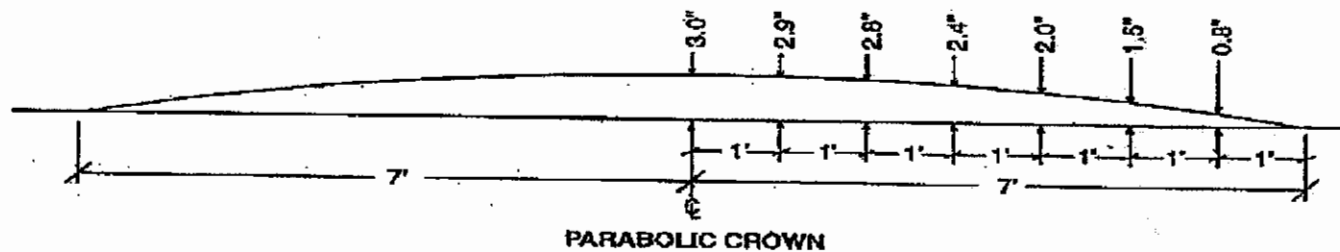


Figure – Profile of 14 feet parabolic speed hump



Figure – Various Profile's of speed hump



Figure – Side view of flat top speed hump

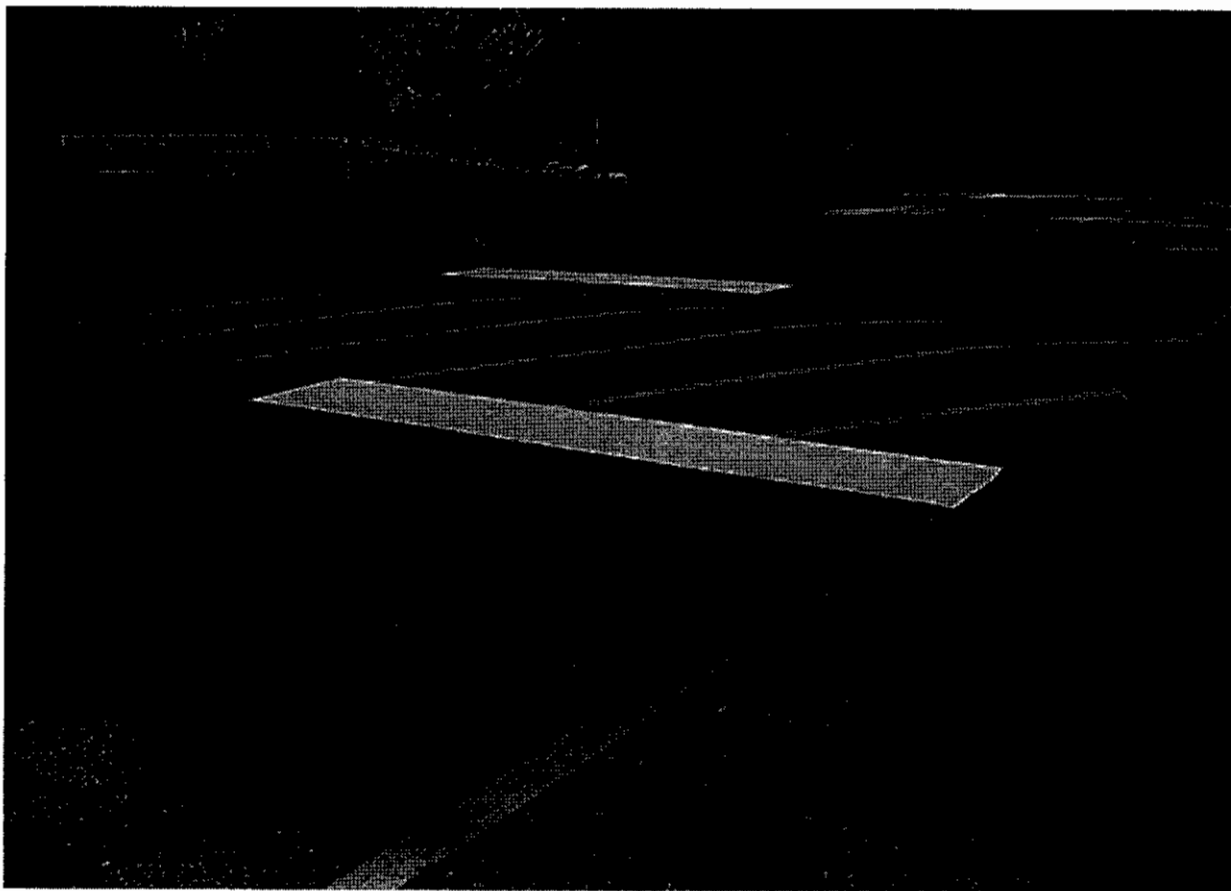


Figure – Speed hump at Forest